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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF DARDANELLES BOMBARDMENT.

General Alexieff Succeeds General Russky.

ALLIED AVIATORS ACTIVE.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

The Archbishop of Canterbury on the War.

April 4, 10.10 p.m.
The Archbishop, preaching in Canterbury Cathedral, affirmed:—"Our cause in this great war is indisputably right, and we are firmly resolved that we shall prevail."
His Grace strongly urged all engaged in connection with armaments or other supplies to do their best work. It was unthinkable, he said, that the splendid devotion of their brothers in the trenches and battleships would be wasted.
The Archbishop advocated that British households should voluntarily suspend the use of alcohol. He impressed this upon church people and emphasised the fact that the King was confident that they would be ready with a widespread response.

Casualties.

April 4, 8.15 p.m.
The latest casualties announced are:—
Killed.—J. E. Marshall, R. W. Rao.
Died of Wounds.—H. Broadway, R. J. Francis.
Wounded.—2nd Lieut. Byrne (East Surrey), T. Kendall, H. M. Marshall.

Russian Command Change.

April 4, 8.15 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that General Alexieff succeeds General Russky in command of the armies on the north-west front.

French Reports.

(Havas Telegram.)

April 2.
Yesterday, French aviators brought down two Taubes. British airmen bombarded Zebrugge and Hoboken harbours, which were sheltering German submarines; the submarines are supposed to have been hit.

To-day we destroyed several trenches south of Peronne. Belgian and French airmen have dropped about thirty shells on the aviation camp at Hardzeme.

An official note denies a German communique of the 1st April concerning the losses we are supposed to have sustained in the course of the outpost fighting in the Parrey region. This affair was all in our favour, but was disastrous for a Bavarian battalion.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote calling to the colours, at the earliest convenience, the 1917 class.

Petrograd:—Russian troops, climbing the Carpathians in spite of deep snow, drove the Austrians away from their trenches and also captured fortified heights in the region of Valamitchovo.

West of the Niemen and west of Symmo, Russian troops won a brilliant success and the enemy is fleeing before the advancing Russians.

A German submarine torpedoed and sank the English steamer "Seven Seas" off Beachy Head, six hands being being lost.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

An Important Visit.

April 3, 6.35 p.m.
A telegram from Rome states that Sig. Titoni, the Italian Ambassador at Paris, is expected to arrive in Rome tomorrow. Much importance is attached to the visit.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

Allied Aviators' Activity.

April 3, 6.35 p.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam reports that allied airmen have bombed Villingen and Baden.

Terrible Effects of Allied Bombardment.

April 3, 6.35 p.m.
A German officer writes to the *Cologne Gazette* describing the general attack made by the Allies on the Dardanelles. He says the shells caused a tremendous fire at Chanikaleh. His own party at Fort Hamidieh had four killed and fourteen wounded. He declares:—"Our battery had a bad appearance in the evening when fire ceased. Good Heavens, what holes there were! Our guns also were much damaged, but by working all night the guns were repaired, except one, which was completely destroyed. Our camp, however, is a desolate heap of debris." The officer received a medal for bravery and the honour was conferred on twenty-two other Germans.

British Casualties.

April 3, 6.35 p.m.
The latest casualties announced are:—
Killed.—T. L. Frost.
Died of wounds.—O. L. Tottenham.
Wounded.—A. G. Bruce, F. A. Dickinson, W. H. Hedges, G. Mercer, D. J. Radcliffe, C. H. Stringer (Lancashire), T. Thwaytes.

Austrians in Desperate Straits.

April 4, 7 a.m.
A message from Venice says that telegrams received from the front, published in the Austrian papers, though carefully worded and strictly censored, convey the impression that the situation in the Carpathians is desperate. They dwell almost hopelessly on the strength of the Russians and their enormous reserves. Thus the war correspondent of the *Neue Freie Presse* (Vienna):—"Constantly increasing forces of Russians are making superhuman efforts against our Centre along a front of 70 kilometres. A violent battle has been raging for several days. The Russian forces show no sign of diminution in this constantly alternating struggle; they seem to possess endless reserves."
It is believed that the censorship is now allowing such messages with a view to preparing the public for fresh disasters. Meanwhile the Germans are sending large reinforcements to Hungary. The services on the main railways have been suspended for the last three days to facilitate the conveyance of the troops.

An Austrian Admission.

April 4, 7 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that an Austrian communique says:—"It has been ascertained that all the Russian forces from Przemyel are now along the Carpathian front. Russian reinforcements have compelled the Austrians in the Gima and Brechygorno districts of Galicia to retreat somewhat."

Austria's Confused Forces.

April 4, 7 a.m.
Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says the composition of the Austrian forces in the Carpathians betrays the greatest confusion. In an engagement along a front of only three miles prisoners were captured belonging to fourteen regiments from completely different divisions.

British Cruiser Active.

April 4, 7 a.m.
A Turkish communique says that a British cruiser on the 31st ult. bombarded Mowilah and Hedjaz.

Turkish Cruiser Sunk.

April 4, 4 p.m.
A telegram from Sebastopol says that the Turkish cruiser Medjidieh last night, near the Russian coast, struck a mine and sank.
[The Medjidieh was a light cruiser of 3,432 tons displacement, carrying two 6-inch and eight 4.7-inch guns, with a speed of 22 knots. She had a complement of 300.]

No Change.

April 4, 4 p.m.
A Paris communique says there is no change to report.
[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition yesterday:—]

Seven Thousand Austrians Captured.

April 3, 11.55 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd reports that the official communique states that the Russian offensive in the Carpathians continues to develop, particularly in the direction of Uzok, the Russians capturing prisoners, machine guns and ammunition, despite stubborn Austrian counter-attacks. Seven thousand prisoners altogether were further taken.

Three German Attacks Repulsed.

April 4, 2.35 a.m.
The official communique issued at Paris reports that a German attack near Lassigny was stopped dead by our fire directly the Germans left their trenches.

Two German attacks were repulsed in the Barnhaupt district, Upper Alsace.

Trawler Torpedoed in the Channel.

April 3, 10.25 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris has reported that the New Zealand trawler, was torpedoed off Havre. The crew had been saved.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

Significant Incident on Bulgarian Frontier.

April 3, 9.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Nish reports that Bulgarian irregulars, numbering over a regiment, attacked a Serbian blockhouse at Valendovo, and compelled the Serbian guards to retire.
A Serbian regiment arrived later and countered the Bulgarians, who left eighty dead. The Serbians had sixty killed, and many wounded. The Bulgarians took two old guns.

French General Visits Belgian Troops.

April 3, 5.30 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that General Joffre visited the Belgian headquarters, where he was received by King Albert. He decorated a number of Belgian officers and his visit deeply impressed the Belgian troops who cheered him continuously.

Russian Fleet and the Bosphorus.

April 3, 5.20 p.m.
A message from Petrograd states that during the bombardment of the outer forts of the Bosphorus the warships approached within fifty cable lengths of entering the mine area, within the fire of the coast forts, where destroyers had previously swept for mines without result. The Turkish forts did not reply.

German Bombardment Damages Norwegian Ship.

April 3, 5.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that the Norwegian steamer *Loevatakken* was considerably damaged in the bombardment of Libau by the Germans on March 28. The captain of the vessel was killed.

Steamer Movements.

London, April 3, 10.25 p.m.
The s.s. *Malakand* arrived on April 1, and the following are the departures:—s.s. *Nawab*, Suez, April 2; s.s. *Mahanada*, Liverpool, April 1.

Ignominious Death for Russian Traitor.

April 3, 9.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd reports that it is officially announced that Lieut.-Colonel Missosyodoff, interpreter on the staff of the tenth army, has been court-martialled on a charge of espionage and sentenced to be hanged.
Other persons not belonging to the Russian army have been arrested.

Operation on King of Denmark.

April 3, 9.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that the Danish King underwent an operation, yesterday, for an intestinal fissure. His health is good and no further bulletins will be issued.

German Aviators Captured.

April 3, 4.20 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris reports that the official communique states that the mine warfare continues to our advantage. The number of prisoners taken recently at Bois Le Prairie was two hundred, including six officers.

An aeroplane, which had been brought down while throwing bombs on Rheims, caught fire while alighting, but the aviators, who were unhurt, were made prisoners.

The Situation in Greece: Correspondence Published.

April 3, 1.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that in the correspondence published between the Premier and M. Venizelos, the former reiterates that M. Venizelos was prepared to cede Greek territory to Bulgaria and says that the compensations contemplated by M. Venizelos, designed to secure the abandonment of Bulgarian neutrality, did not remove the Bulgarian peril.

General Gounaris says that the Government favoured the compensations, but rejected the territorial concessions.

M. Venizelos denies the proposed cession of Greek territory and says that he energetically opposed the Bulgarian claims. On the outbreak of the war the territorial concessions suggested to the King consisted of the small cession of territory in Macedonia, in return for Bulgaria ceding territory on the North Greek frontier and abandoning neutrality, conditional upon Greece obtaining large territory in Asia Minor as the result of the war.

Another Dutch Steamer Sunk.

April 2, 2.40 p.m.
The Dutch steamer *Shieland* has been blown up in the North Sea.

The s.s. *Nerow* has brought into Hull six injured and one drowned.

Mr. Thrasher's Death: American Press Comment.

April 3, 2.40 a.m.
A New York message states that several newspapers, headed by the *New York Herald*, recall the American Note threatening to hold Germany to strict accountability if American lives are lost during Germany's blockade and ask what the United States are going to do about Mr. Thrasher.

The New York press compares German submarines to wild beasts hunting only defenceless non-combatants, and declares that the German navy has gone stark mad.

[It will be remembered that Mr. Thrasher, an American, was reported as one of those drowned at the sinking of the s.s. *Falaba* by a German submarine.]

British Journalists and the Allies.

April 3, 2.40 p.m.
The National Union of Journalists wires to the Allies, and states that it appreciates the co-operation of Japan in freeing the seas and nations in the Far East from the peril of allied aggression and trusts that the friendship of the two island races may long endure.

German Torpedo Small Steamer.

April 3, 1.40 p.m.
The Middlesbrough steamer *Lockwood* was torpedoed near her starting-point last night.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The latest British casualty list is given to-day.

The American steamer *Green Eriar* has foundered in the North Sea.

The Turkish cruiser *Medjidieh* has struck a mine near the Russian coast and sunk.

A German officer's statement on the bombardment of the Dardanelles appears elsewhere.

An Austrian war correspondent states that the Russians in the Carpathians seem to possess endless reserves.

General Alexieff succeeds General Russky in command of the Russian armies on the north-west frontier.

Austrian telegrams, though strictly censored, indicate that the situation in the Carpathians is most desperate for the Austrians.

There have, says the Japanese Premier, been deliberate attempts by German interests to misrepresent Japan's attitude towards China.

The Premier of Japan says the Japanese proposals to China are in complete accordance with the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and the agreements with other Powers.

NEWS.

Saturday's local sport is reported to-day.

"Jottings by the Way" appear on page 4.

Further Notes on the Crisis appear on page 4.

General news and a short story appear on page 3.

Interesting news from our Canton correspondent is given to-day.

The concert given in aid of the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund on Saturday was a most successful event.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 9, and Log Book on page 6.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Sale of Curios—G. P. Lam-mert, Old Post Office—2.30 p.m.

Organ Recital—St. Andrew's Church—8.15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7.
Sale of Curios etc.—G. P. Lam-mert, Old Post Office—2.30 p.m.

Thursday, April 8.
Sale of Curios etc.—G. P. Lam-mert, Old Post Office—2.30 p.m.

Friday, April 9.
Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.—Annual General Meeting—noon.

Monday, April 12.
Hongkong Club—Lunch.

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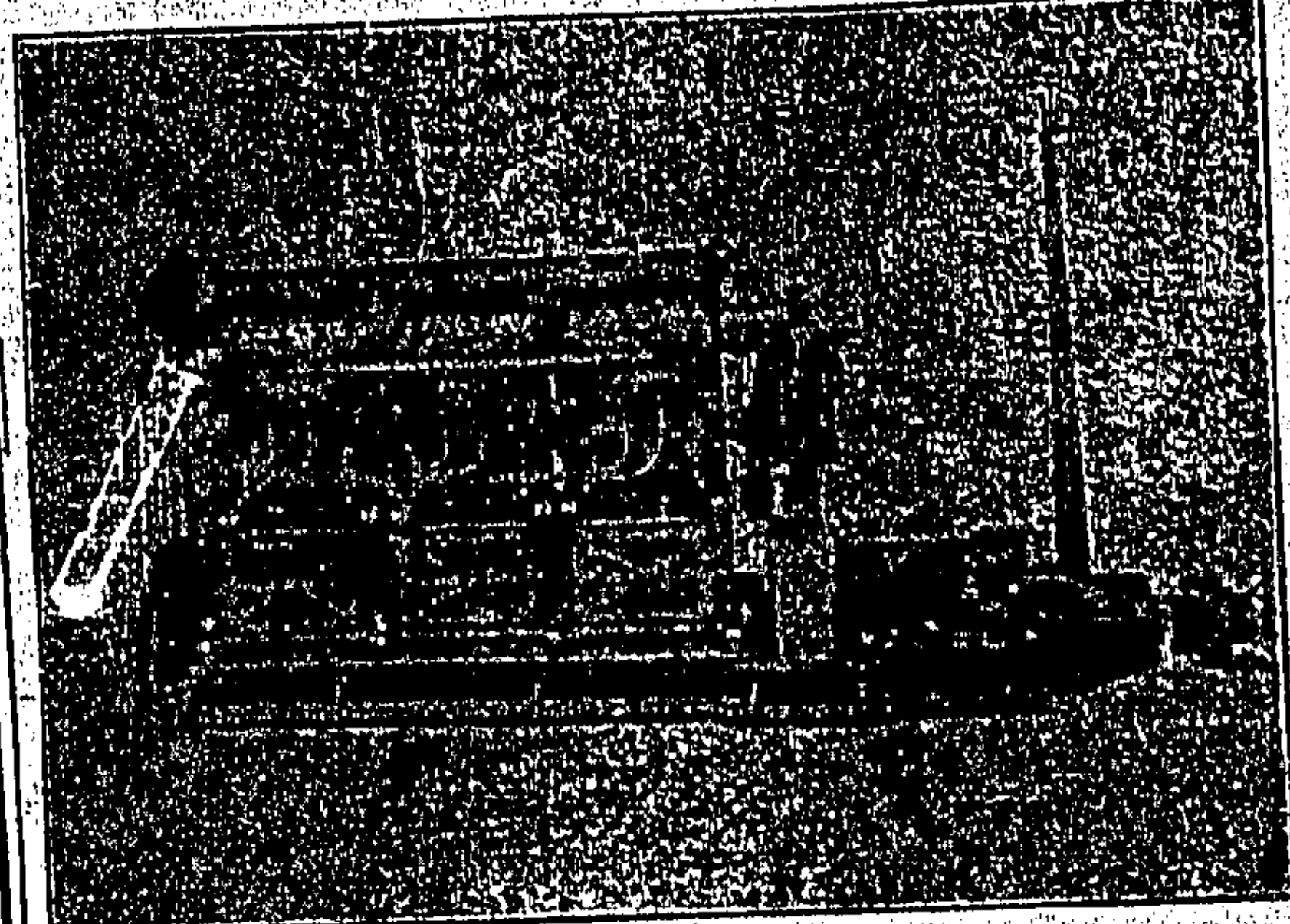
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CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

Inhumanity of Man.

Germany is in the throes of
despair. The critic can come to
no other deduction when viewing
the dastardly and inhuman acts
of which German submarines are
guilty against defenceless men
and women. The sinking of the
Falaba is one of the blackest in a
long record of atrocities of which
the Germans have perpetrated
since they started to impose
Prussian militarism upon the
world. The officers on board
stated that the crew of the sub-
marine watched the agonies of
the drowning and "laughed like
blazes." If this is not an ex-
aggerated story, then our faith in
civilized humanity is rudely
shaken. The Gospel of Hate has
been preached so vigorously
throughout the German Empire
that the world has learned that
unlike at least of the German
fighting forces are interpreting
its doctrines into action. The
story of the sinking of ships is
still being written and, as the
days go by, sad chapters of loss
at sea are being added. We must
be prepared for disaster in this
connection, but British policy is
unalterable and Germany will one
day pay the penalty.

Daily Press.

Democracy and the War.

This is the first great war waged
by the British democracy, and
there were many speculations at
the outset as to how they would
rise to the occasion. Since that
time the attitude of the masses
has not appeared to justify the
hopes that were reposed in them.
Although there have been many
notable exceptions in manufactur-
ing and industrial centres, the
impression prevails that the
working-classes, as a whole, have
not responded as they should have
done to the call to arms, and that
it is chiefly to the sons of duty
and patriotism of the upper and
middle classes that we owe the
force that is now taking the field.
But, even if it be true that the
labouring classes have not con-
tributed to our new armies in
proportion to their numbers, are
we justified in holding them
entirely to blame? This war, it
must be remembered, is being
conducted in a way that is con-
trary to all precedent. The sil-
ences and secrecy in which every-
thing is shrouded may be and no
doubt is, in large measure, essen-
tial to the success of our arms—
at least, we like to think so; but
it is the reverse of stimulating.

China Mail.

German Schemes in Turkey.
Amongst the industrial pro-
blems are the extension of the
railway system, irrigation under-
takings on a large scale, and the
exploitation of the petroleum
deposits. The comprehensive
railway-construction programme
at the beginning of 1914 em-
braced some 5800 miles, and was
then divided between Germany,
France, Russia, and England.
Along with the building of these
railways will go large irrigation
works in many fertile plains,
more especially in Upper and
Lower Mesopotamia. Sir William
Willcocks, who worked out a great
irrigation scheme for Mesopo-
tania, estimated the area
benefited by it to be 13,800,000
acres, and the cost of £7,500,000.
The building of railways will also
make it possible to exploit the
rich petroleum deposits with
remunerative results. The petro-
leum is in many places nearly at
the surface, and everywhere
covered with a thick layer of
asphalt. The most important
petroleum deposits so far ascer-
tained lie in the vilayets of
Mosul and Bagdad. Turkey's
State debts amounted to
£128,324,488 on September 14,
1913; about one-fourth of this
sum Turkey owes to Germany
and three-fifths to France. It
will be remembered that France
granted Turkey a loan of
500,000,000 francs last April.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Lady Lawyers for the Dutch Indies.

Several ladies with legal degrees have been sent out from Holland to take up position under the Government of the Netherlands Indies. They will be engaged in the offices of various Government Departments, including the record offices.

Education and Industry.—Proposed Exhibition.

We (Times) are informed that Sir H. Llewellyn Smith, the Permanent Secretary to the Board of Trade, has authorized the committee of the Enemy Design and Industries Association, to proceed with the preliminary arrangements for an exhibition in London for the purpose of bringing about a more scientific cooperation between education and the industrial arts in this country. The object of the exhibition is to demonstrate the extent of German rivalry, the effects of which, but for the war, would have made themselves severely felt here in the near future. It is understood that the Board of Education will cooperate with the Board of Trade in promoting the success of the exhibition and in furtherance of the objects of the movement generally. It is hoped that the exhibition will be opened towards the end of March.

The Dog of Asia.

An article on "The Singapore Rabies Epidemic of 1884" in Chambers' Journal, recalls an unusual experience, says the *Ping-ang Gazette*. It also reminds one of the fact that the Dog of Asia has not improved in recent years. Singapore's parishes held a reputation for repulsiveness for decades. There was not a parish in Malaya quite so mangy or so "yaller." Penang, however, is a very close second, and some of the canine apparitions encountered in the Bishop Street neighbourhood would beat anything that Constantinople could produce, before the garbage hunters were removed en masse. We do not want an outbreak of rabies, and this being so, if dog owners cannot show just cause why the poor brutes should not be removed, the municipal executioner ought to display more pronounced signs of activity.

Singapore Mortality Returns.

The total mortality in the Settlement of Singapore during the week ended March 20, was 170, comprising 107 males and 63 females. These figures give a ratio per mille of population (per annum) of 20.85. Pathology claimed 29 victims; other fatal ailments included, convulsions 32, malarial fever 25, bronchitis 7, beri-beri 8, dysentery 4, pneumonia 8. Deaths of children under three months of age numbered 21; over that age and under one year 20; and between one and five years 10. Among adults 24 died between the ages of 25 and 35, and 33 died between the ages of 35 and 45. Only two were over 75 years. There were one European and three Eurasian deaths, 132 Chinese, 14 Malays, 17 Indians and three of "other nations."

The Late Kerr Black.

Among his many friends in the Straits, F.M.S. and Siam, the death of Captain J. Kerr Black, which occurred in a nursing home in Edinburgh on February 14, will be learned with sorrow. It is nearly ten years since the *Straits Times*, since he came out here to the staff of Messrs. Adamson, Gillman and Co. and latterly was in the service of the British American Tobacco Co. His active interest in many phases of local life—he was, among other things, a lieutenant in the S.V.O.—brought him in contact with a wide circle of people, among whom he was very popular. He was transferred a year or two ago to the B.A.T. Co.'s branch at Bangkok and while there was afflicted by a serious illness which necessitated his urgent removal home. He got over that and friends who met him at home last summer found him apparently quite recovered. On the outbreak of war he secured a commission in the 8th (Reserve) Bn. of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and at the time of his death was a Captain. His fatal illness did not endure long and he died, as stated, in Edinburgh. Dr. Norman Black is a brother of the deceased and he has been notified of his death.

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SHORT STORY.

"GARCON, UN BOCK."

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I really don't know why I should have entered that brasserie that particular night. I went in without any special reason, and certainly not because I was thirsty.

Looking for a seat, I sat down beside an old-looking man who was smoking a penny clay pipe, as black as coal. Six or eight snucers piled up on the table in front of him showed the number of glasses of beer which he had already drunk. I recognised in him one of those brasserie habitués who arrive early in the morning as soon as the establishment opens for the day, and do not leave until it is closed at night. He was dirty, the top of his head was bald, and long pepper and salt curls fell over his coat collar. His clothes were too wide, and appeared to have been made at a period when he still possessed a stomach. His ragged cuffs were quite black at the ends, like his nails.

As soon as I had sat down he said to me, quietly enough: "How are you? All right?"

I turned and looked at him. He went on: "You don't recognise me?"

"No."

"I'm des Barre's," he said. "I was stupefied. It was the Comte Jean des Barre's, my old school friend. I shook hands with him, for the moment unable to say anything. Then I stammered: 'And you... You're all right?' He replied, placidly: 'Oh, as well as I can be,' and relapsed into silence. Wishing to be polite, I tried to think of something to say, and eventually asked him: 'What are you doing now?'"

He replied: "What you see." I felt myself blush, and went on to ask him if that was his everyday occupation. Blowing out thick clouds of smoke he replied: "It's the same every day." Then, tapping the marble table top with a copper coin, he called out, "Garcon, deux bocks."

Des Barre's emptied his glass of beer at a draught, and then asked me if I had any news to tell him. I really couldn't think of anything to say, and managed to get out: "No, nothing at all, mon vieux. As for me, I'm in business." In his monotonous way he asked: "And do you find that amusing?"

"No," I said, "but one must do something, you know."

"Why?"

"Well—to occupy oneself." "What's the use? I—I do nothing, as you see, nothing at all. I can understand a man working when he hasn't got a penny, but not if you've enough to live on. What's the good of working? Do you do it for yourself or for other people? If you do it for yourself, and it amuses you, well and good; if you work for others, you're a fool."

Then, laying his pipe on the table, he called out again, "Garcon, un bock," and said, "It makes me thirsty to talk. I'm not in the habit of talking. Yes, I do nothing at all; I just let myself go and get older. When I die I shall have nothing to regret. I shall have no other

memory than this brasserie. No wife, no children, no cares, no worries, nothing. It's much better like that." And he emptied his glass.

"But," I said, "you haven't said that's not life. Why, it's horrible. But you must do something or care for somebody or have some friends?"

"No. I get up at midday. I come here, breakfast, drink my beer, then wait until it's evening, dine, drink my beer. Then at half-past one in the morning I go home to bed because they close here. That's my greatest annoyance. Six of the last ten years I have passed on this bench in my corner, and the remainder in bed, never anywhere else. Sometimes I talk to the habitués—Garcon, un bock."

Believing he was making fun of me, I said, "Look here, be frank. You must have had some great sorrow—an unhappy love affair, no doubt? Certainly you have been unfortunate. How old are you?"

"Thirty-three; but I look at least forty-five."

"You do look older than your age," I replied. "You must have had troubles."

"Not a bit," he answered; I'm old because I never have any fresh air. There's nothing that makes people deteriorate like this café life. And if I'm bald it's the fault of the gas here—Garcon, un bock."

"You interest me immensely," I said. Since when have you been like this? It's not normal, it's not natural. There must be something behind it."

"Oh, yes, that goes back to my childhood. When I was a little fellow I received a blow, which turned life black from that moment."

"How was that?"

"You want to know? Well, listen. You remember the chateau where I was brought up? And you must also remember my father and my mother, both ceremonious, solemn, severe people. I adored my mother, feared my father, and respected them both. I was then thirteen, and was light-hearted and happy at every thing as one is at that age."

"Towards the end of September, while I was playing in the park, I saw my father and mother. I went towards them, but stopped a few feet away, frightened, for my father was terribly angry. He was saying 'Your mother is a fool, and anyhow, it's nothing to do with your mother, but with you. I tell you I must have the money. You must sign.'"

"My mother answered firmly, 'I shall not sign. It's Jean's fortune. I shall keep it for him, and I shall not let you squander it away as you did with my dowry.'"

"Then father trembling with rage, began to strike her in the face with all his might. Mama's hat fell off, and her hair came down; she tried to parry the blows but couldn't. And papa, like a madman, struck and struck. She fell on the ground, hiding her face in her arms. And he, forcing her hands apart, went on striking her."

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as before something supernatural, as one feels before monstrous catastrophes and irreparable disasters. And I began to cry with all my heart without knowing why, the prey to a terrible fear and misery. My father heard me and came towards me. I thought that he was going to kill me, and fled like a hunted animal, running straight ahead through the wood.

"When night fell, I lay down on the grass, and stayed there, devoured by a sorrow that was capable of breaking a child's heart for ever. I should perhaps have died of misery and hunger if the gamekeeper had not discovered and forcibly brought me back."

"I found my parents looking as usual. My mother only said: 'What a fright you have given me. I never slept all night.' I didn't answer but began to cry. My father said nothing."

"Eh, bien, mon cher, everything was done for with me. I had seen the other side of things, the bad side; I had only seen the good side until that day. I don't know what took place in my mind or what strange phenomenon influenced my ideas, but since then I have cared for nothing, loved no one and have had no desire, ambition or hopes of any kind. And I always see my poor mother lying on the ground in the wood, while my father rains blows on her. My mother died a few years after. My father is still alive, but I have never seen him again—Garcon, un bock."

"A glass of beer was brought him, which he emptied at a single draught. But in taking up his pipe his hands trembled, and he broke it. With a really despairing gesture, he exclaimed: 'Now that's a real sorrow. I'll take me at least a month to colour another.'

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AMERICA AND THE WAR.

Much has been said and written concerning the attitude of the United States in the present world-war, and among Britishers in particular there has been a deal of adverse criticism, by folk who have allowed their zeal to outrun their discretion, that America has hitherto not departed from her role of strict neutrality. That is no doubt largely to be traced to Great Britain's kinship and old political connections with the United States. While it is undoubtedly the case that Germany has been guilty of innumerable breaches of honourable warfare which should call forth the denunciation of all civilised nations, we venture to suggest that it has been overlooked by many impatient Britishers that the sympathy of the United States with the cause of the allies has steadily grown since the beginning of the war, and that in spite of many artificial obstacles as an illustration of the disadvantage under which the allies' cause has laboured in the States it is worth recalling that during the time America was being flooded with ingeniously prepared statements of the Germans' case, Britishers in the States, thanks to the censorship, were often left with no materials for an effective rejoinder, save such as their own common sense could supply yet in spite of this—and it says much for American friendship that it is so—the persistent, and, in some respects, clever German propaganda has now completely broken down. And to-day, more than at any time since the beginning of the war, American opinion is running strongly in favour of the allies. We have to thank German methods of warfare for that, and it is, next to the steady progress the allies are making, the most encouraging thing in the whole war.

In answer to all this, it might be said by some that we do not want sympathy so much as help. But that surely is neither a just nor a very dignified attitude. We are fighting, let it be remembered, for a moral as well as a physical victory, and that, being so, sympathy becomes very precious help. Then, if we except the happenings of the past few weeks—more particularly the German piratical raids—it must not be forgotten that none of the causes which brought Britain to abandon her neutrality applied to America. She was not a signatory to the Treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium, she had no understanding with France or Russia, and she was not immediately affected by the disturbance of the balance of power in Europe. It must be admitted, however, that the case has been now somewhat altered by the reckless inhumanity displayed by the crews of German submarines, as a result of which the life of at least one American subject has been sacrificed.

One the new aspect of the question it is well to recall that in the course of the warning Note delivered to Germany less than two months ago it was declared that if German commanders should destroy American lives the U.S. Government would view the matter as "an indefensible violation of neutral rights" and would hold the German Government to strict accountability. One American citizen has been murdered on the high seas—there is no other term to meet the case—and one can well appreciate the pointed queries of the New York papers as to what the Washington Administration intends doing in the matter. The question of American neutrality is, of course, one for America to decide, but remembering the steady growth of American opinion in the allies' favour we can surely continue to trust and value America's sympathy and leave it to her people to settle what action she ought to take in defence of her own interests.

The Bishop and Club.

Yesterday the Bishop of Victoria, in St. John's Cathedral, spoke on the subject of drink in Hongkong. There are, however, ways and ways of handling so knotty a problem. The Bishop has gone into the figures concerning the sale of drink at the Hongkong Club and has shown that somewhere about five hundred men, in the course of a given year, have spent \$67,000 in intoxicants on the club premises (independently of \$22,000 for wines etc. with meals.) Thus each member actually drinks, on an average, at the alarming rate of thirty-six and two-thirds cents' worth per day, apart from what he may consume with his meals! We are glad that matters are no worse. As to the principle of the thing, Dr. Lander, as chief pastor of the official religion of the Colony, is, of course, well within his right in calling the attention of his flock to the drink evil; and one is glad to know that he has had the pluck to attack spiritual wickedness in high places and has not merely confined himself to an assault on the long-suffering publicans and hotel-keepers. At the same time one feels that a club is a semi-private institution, whose monetary affairs are its own concern; and, this being the case, there may be people who will argue that a club-member has as much right to discuss in public Bishop Lander's own household expenditure as Bishop Lander has to discuss those of the Club.

Street Noises.
Once again we have to draw attention to the intolerable noises in streets inhabited by Europeans. These noises are more marked on Saturdays and Sundays—the only occasions when the majority of the white men here have an opportunity to "lie back" for an hour or two. The particular complaint which has just been made to us concerns Kowloon, where, we are informed, the uproar created by hawkers yesterday afternoon, in a thoroughfare which is supposed to be European, was so great that a resident in ill health had to leave his own house and go to that of a friend in another part of the district in order to enjoy an hour's rest. One travelling merchant, on being told by a European to go away, replied "This is no 'long England'; this is 'long China'." Doubtless the hawker had reason, the next moment, to regret having made the remark; but why should Europeans be compelled to take the law into their own hands in these matters? What are the police doing to allow the hawkers—no Ordinance—to create all this trouble? A couple of years ago the *Telegraph* made a series of attacks on the bigger nuisance. That nuisance has now practically ceased. May we hope that some attention will also be paid by the authorities to our complaint of the hawkers? Overlooking it.

The *Times* gives prominence to an appeal on behalf of music teachers who are suffering by the war, but the Secret ry of the Fund which is to help these unfortunate seems to us not to have been particularly happy in her choice of a specimen case of hardship, which she has submitted to our contemporary. One lady, she says, "had been making about \$450 a year in teaching, but since July has only made \$3." We do not deny that the case is a distressing one, but the person who has been earning \$450 a year has, presumably, some savings which to fall back—ought to have. Charitable people can only make their spare cash go a certain distance and while there are—there must be—many poor souls whose income was \$100 a year or less, and who equally have only earned \$3 since July, (or perhaps not that,) these who, prior to the war, were in a position to lay up for a rainy day can hardly expect as much consideration as those who have never had a chance to save.

Germany Threatens Swedish Government.
London, November 29.—The *Daily Mail's* Copenhagen correspondent says: Germany has demanded that the Swedish Government suppress unfriendly utterances against Germany in Swedish newspapers and has threatened reprisals in the event of non-compliance.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE'S A TURNING POINT IN EVERY MAN'S CAREER—EVEN IF HE ISN'T A CRANK.

The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 78; dull.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 70; heavy fog.

Count the Columns.
On Saturday the *Telegraph* published 48 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 35 published.

The Malls.
Siberian Mails.—Closes per a.s. Manchuria to-morrow at noon. Up to the Minute—Share market News.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us of the following quotations:—
Lingka.—\$364, buyers.
Kowloon Wharves.—\$65, sales and buyers.

Indo-China.—\$92, sales and buyers.
Green Islands.—\$7.10, buyers.
Sugars.—\$108, buyers.
Douglases.—\$35, sales and buyers.

Watson's Aerated Waters.—Up.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1s 9.11-16d.

Chinese Festival.
To-morrow, according to the Chinese Calendar, is the festival of Ching Ming, or "Pure Brightness."

Organ Recital.
To-morrow, at 9.15 p.m., Mr. George Grimble gives in organ recital in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund.

To Curio Collectors.
Mr. G. P. Lammert commences a three days' sale of antique china and curios, at the old Post Office, Queen's Road Central, at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Land Sale.
At the P. W. D. offices on the 19th inst., Inland Lot No. 2110, Star Street, will be offered for sale. The lot comprises about 1,889 square feet and the upset price is \$1,889.

Coolie Robs Coolie.
At the Police Court, this morning, a coolie employed by Major Stair Stewart was fined \$10, or, in default, fourteen days, for taking the umbrella of another coolie, on the Peak tram.

Voyage Report.
The s.s. *Yingchow*, which arrived from Shanghai to-day, reports brisk easterly winds and dense fog from Turnabout to the Lamooks thence southerly winds, equally, smooth sea and moderate swell.

The Bijou Theatre.
The Bijou Theatre was well filled last night and an interesting programme was put on, which included a clever and amusing little Edison picture: "The Winking Parrot," and two long dramatic story films: "The Two Little Ones" and "Megda." In the latter a wonderfully realistic representation of a bull fight is given.

Victoria Theatre.
On Saturday night, in spite of other attractions in the Colony, the Victoria Theatre was crowded with people who came to see the war pictures, which are of a very interesting and striking nature. Besides these there was a long sensational film: "The \$600,000 Necklace," which was duly appreciated. On Tuesday at 4 p.m. there will be a free matinee to soldiers, sailors and volunteers and their families, at which special war pictures will be shown.

A BOMB.

Magistrate Doubts Its Danger.
Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, had before him a Chinese charged with being in unlawful possession of a bomb. The defendant said the bomb was given him by a Chinese teacher who has revolutionary leanings.

Detective Sergeant Wills said the man had a detonator which was properly sealed. It was stated that the bomb was thrown among some rocks but it failed to explode. Mr. Hazeland said he did not think the bomb was so good. He fined the defendant \$500, or, in default, six months.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

GERMANY BEGINNING TO CRUMPLE UP.

The Desperate Position of the Austrians.

The telegrams of the past few days have made one point very clear—namely, that the Allied armies in both theatres of the war are gradually but none the less surely getting the measure of their opponents. The Germans in the west are showing manifest signs of weakening before the persistent attacks of the British and French troops, while the position of the Austrians, now that they have to contend with the huge Russian forces released as a consequence of the fall of Przemysl, is pitiable in the extreme—there is no other phrase for it.

Not Yet.
Though the operations in the east are of equal importance to what is taking place in France and Belgium, the interest of Britishers is naturally concentrated on the struggle in the west. We are looking now to the days, not far ahead, when the big forward drive will be made, and the reports coming from this area are of such a nature as to fill us with the utmost confidence and optimism. There are signs, indeed, that the Germans are beginning to crumple up already, and there cannot be the slightest doubt that, if the Allies wished to, they could even now break through the enemy's lines. But those who have the operations in hand know their business thoroughly well, and it is sufficient for the lay observer that, in the opinion of the men at Headquarters, "the favourable moment" has not yet arrived. All the time, however, the Allies are steadily building themselves up in strength and in the means for carrying out the forward rush, and when the start is made there will be no question of turning back.

Shortage of Ammunition.
The recent fighting has revealed this much—that while the French and British artillery is now infinitely more powerful than that of the enemy, the latter's supply of ammunition is running short. The story contributed by the British "Observer" makes that point clear enough, especially when he says that the Germans, in many instances, have made no attempt to keep down the fire of the French guns, although this has meant very heavy losses in the trenches. This is not the first time that information has come through to show that the supply of munitions has been causing the Germans anxiety; we have even seen it stated that householders in Germany are being invited to contribute pots, pans and metal of any sort for making into shells, while in the occupied regions lead is being stripped from the roofs of churches for the same purpose.

The Russian Advance.
There can be nothing but praise for the way in which the Russians are progressing in the difficult country along the Carpathian front. Russian reports indicate that big numbers of prisoners have been taken, and that the advances are being steadily pursued, and even the Austrians are now beginning to admit that they are up against an impossible proposition. It is admitted that a retreat has been made and it is sorrowfully recorded that the Russians seem to possess endless reserves. Apparently any and every soldier that can be scraped together is being brought along in the effort, foredoomed to failure, to stay the Russian advance, and it is a mighty assemblage of troops that is now ranged against the Czar's forces. The Austrian authorities are already beginning to prepare the public for the inevitable. And Germany will soon have to do likewise.

"Nein! Nein!"
A British official report refers to a failure of German discipline. It says that the British soldiers on one occasion heard the command "vorwaerts" coming from the w.o.s. It was followed immediately by a rush of German Ones, twice and thrice this was done. Each time the Germans were moved down. Then the order was given again. This time, however, there were loud exclamations of "Nein, nein" and no advance was made.

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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

During the past week the Manila papers have done nothing more exciting or worthy of remark than converting a mild attempt at a boycott in Shanghai into serious riots by mobs of Chinese who are looting and plundering.

We spoke in our haste. There is yet one other score to the Manila press: "Two Japanese warships have arrived at Swatow and Kwangtung." News as to the bombardment of both "ports" is doubtless on the way.

A "Navvies' Battalion" has been formed and is proceeding to the Front. If the power of ineffective associated with the proverbial navy be the sole qualification for membership we do not understand why some Hongkongites whom we could mention have not been enrolled.

Reuter is doing us proud with the new telegram service. The biggest thrill we have had since the war began came when we learned on Saturday that the price of shellac had gone up one-fifth per cent.

Apricots, we are asked to say that a one-cent piece dropped into the charity bag does not make the same noise as a fifty-cent piece. Thisesmen, through long experience can now gauge the difference with exactitude even when the organ is playing its loudest. The only way out of the difficulty for the one-centers is for them save all the bad or doubtful dollars they can get hold of.

We should not have jumped on the table-boy for bringing us an omelette on a cold plate this morning but for the fact that last night he brought up pudding on a hot one.

"I waited for the Cord" is what we caught our graduate compositing or setting up on Saturday as the anthem to be performed at one of the churches here. He waited for the cord this many a long day. That part of the business we shall leave to the law to carry out in the fulness of time. The end of his waiting, so far as we are concerned, will probably be a stick, a boot or a spanner—in all of which, properly used, there is argumentative force.

It's part Latin, my Lord—to help out the decision," said a local barrister the other day. What a leader writer he would make on some journals!

The Germans excuse themselves for the sinking of the s.s. *William Fry* by attributing the act to "excess of zeal." They will probably offer the same excuse for the heroes of the submarine who found the drowning struggles of women so unparagonally funny. We know that kind of zeal; we believe it is mentioned in Scripture as eating people up in the long run.

Tenders are being invited for the erection of a ferro-concrete bridge for somewhere in the New Territory. That's our P. W. D. all over. Money for bridges for the New Territory, which is far away, can be found; but the erection of a ten or fifteen dollar lamp on the Arbuthnot Road steps—a part of the city of Victoria—would militate seriously against the economy which the Department has been asked to exercise.

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CANTON NEWS.

Mine-Laying for Chinese Coasts.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, April 4.
In view of the fact that the entire coast line of China is without protection in case of hostile demonstrations by an unfriendly Power, the Central Government has sent instructions to the local authorities at Canton to establish as quickly as possible a school to teach graduates of the Naval College the art of making and laying mines. The Head Master of the Navy College has been appointed to organize such a school and the preliminary arrangements have already been issued. Twenty graduates will be selected, sixteen dollars per month will be allowed them for their necessary expenses, and the course will last for seven months. By that time it is thought they will be well prepared for this important business. The popularity of these appointments is evidenced by the fact that on the 2nd inst., the date set for the examination of applicants, more than eighty young men presented themselves.

Public Markets.
The local authorities have issued an invitation to the merchants interested to build public markets on the site of the old Archery Range in the Old City. This tract has lain waste for a long time, but the scarcity of public funds has prevented the building of these markets before. The need of them becomes more and more apparent and it is hoped they will soon be established.

Trouble with a Foreigner.
On March 31, an English student of Pa Shun French College tried to enter the old city in a sedan chair by way of the Great South Gate. Searchers are stationed there, and everybody, native or foreigner, is stopped and searched before he is permitted to enter the city. This student strenuously objected to being searched and refused to get down from his chair. Thinking he was not aware of the rules in force, the police officer spent considerable time trying to explain to him that it was their duty to let no one pass without searching for firearms, ammunition, and opium, but either he did not understand fully or he decided he would not submit to what he seemed to consider an imposition; for instead of allowing them to search him he is said to have struck the policeman in the face and attempted to pass without leave. He was at once placed under arrest, escorted to the Chief of Police, and ultimately sent to the office of the British Consul on Shamshing.

Government Leather Manufactory.
Last year the business of the leather Company increased so much that the profits were \$4,500 on an initial investment of only \$10,000. The leather has proved itself to be of good quality and the demand for it is daily increasing. Hence, it has been decided to enlarge the plant by increasing the capital stock. Official circles feel great gratification that a Government concern has turned out to be so profitable.

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LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

Kowloon C.C. v. United Banks.
This match, played at Kowloon on Saturday, resulted in an easy victory for the home team, mainly due to the good bowling of Kay and Lt. Moberley (4 for 41 and 5 for 24 respectively) and the sound batting of Lt. Moberley, Dr. Forsyth and de Rome. The scores were:—

United Banks.	
K. Braysbay, b. Moberley	22
R. Kennedy, O. Robertson, b. Kay	30
H. E. Muriel, C. Waser, b. Moberley	1
P. S. Leigh Bennett, O. Waser, b. Kay	4
M. M. Maas, O. and B. Moberley	0
R. P. Thurstfield, C. Robertson, b. Kay	6
R. T. Barton, O. de Rome, b. Kay	0
M. M. Murray, b. Moberley	0
J. Ridgeway, b. Moberley	13
L. Wilkin, O. Sutton, b. Overy	11
H. G. Iannison, not out	—
Extras	5

Total ... 98

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Kay	16 5 41 4
Rouse	4 — 11 0
Overy	53 — 17 1
Moberley	14 3 24 5

Kowloon	
F. Sutton, run out	28
F. J. de Rome, b. Muriel	50
J. P. Robinson, O. Braysbay, b. Muriel	7
Major Robertson, O. Muriel, b. Thurstfield	10
Lt. Moberley, retired	61
H. S. Rouse, l. b. w., b. Thurstfield	2
Da Forsyth, retired	53
W. L. Waser, b. Braysbay	23
E. J. Edwards, O. Kennedy, b. Muriel	16
M. Kay, O. Kennedy, b. Braysbay	8
H. Overy, not out	6
Extras	12

Total ... 285

Bowling.	
O. M. R. W.	
Braysbay	11.1 — 50 2
Maas	5 — 42 —
Barton	2 — 24 —
Muriel	12 3 50 3
Thurstfield	9 1 40 2
Wilkin	3 — 19 —
Kennedy	2 — 30 —

FOOTBALL.

The Club Defeated by a Better Team.

Though one did not expect the Club would have an easy thing in the match with the Royal Engineers, without making obvious comparisons one did expect to see something better from the Club contingent than was to be observed on Saturday. Call it bad luck or whatever you like, it was not winning football, and there is measurable unfairness to the winning team in laying too much emphasis on the "bad jobs" explanation for defeat. It is true the Club had not the close attention of good fortune, and perhaps particularly was this noticeable in a player who has been a feature of usefulness when the Club has wanted an effort to get them out of the slough of defeat on other occasions—that player is Stalker. Change of position or anything else could not be put forward for him on Saturday, and although we have never stated this player of praise in the past—and even now we believe him one of the best in the Colony—we cannot but admit that his play on Saturday was of the idyllic destroying type. Perhaps, however, the one thing a football enthusiast seldom if ever allows for is that his chosen player should not be in playing humour, and in all probability this was the case with Stalker on Saturday. Then Todd worked very hard but his energy did not go in the direction of reward—no fault of his—he could not have played harder had the scores been reversed. He certainly caused a flutter of excitement among the Engineer defenders in the first few minutes of play, when he brought the leather just too near the goal for their comfort. The soldiers were not slow to perceive that it was a dashing game that was going to tell the tale, and no sooner had the Club a hope of opening the day's account through the agency of Todd when that hope was dashed to pieces, and

TELEGRAMS.

SHIPPING DISASTER.

AMERICAN STEAMER FOUNDERS.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")
London, Received April 4.
A private telegram received in Amsterdam from Bremen states that the American steamer Green Briar has foundered in the North Sea. The crew has been landed on the coast of Schleswig.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

GERMAN MISREPRESENTATION.

London, Received April 4.
Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo has had an interview with Count Okuma, the Prime Minister of Japan.
The Premier stated that the negotiations between China and Japan were progressing towards an early and satisfactory conclusion. The Japanese proposals, he said, were in complete accordance with the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and the Agreements with other Powers. Count Okuma emphasised that deliberate attempts had been made by German interests to misrepresent Japan's attitude. Japan was only asking in Shanghai for what China had already granted to Germany.

Barlow was called upon for an effort to prevent the left wing from perpetrating the unexpected. Long was quickly appreciative of the danger from this department and his vigilance prevented many flying attempts to get away with the ball, from assuming a really dangerous complexion. It was noticeable, too, that the Engineers were determined, after Todd's opening attack on their goal, to keep him constantly under observation, and never without attention if it could be helped. The Club showed a tendency for attachment to Scott as a set-off, so to speak, and Hamilton and Stewart played the guardian angel role with commendable cleverness; though with inconvenient persistency, judging from Scott's countenance. Todd was off on another of his excursions when he suddenly found himself faced with the determined obstruction of Biff, and another hope for the Club evaporated. The Club continued to work hard—very hard—but, try as they did, and tax the defenders as they did, their efforts were not to receive coronation with the wreath of success.

Brennan played delightful football, and certainly provided an education in the art of the game for those who cared to profit by the opportunity of watching him. He just gave Wilkie as much as he cared to think about and always seemed to be in his way. On one occasion, just before the opening score, the Brennan-Hortop combination was making direct for the acquaintance of Barlow, but Hortop, though he shot well, did not shoot well enough to give his side the lead. Later Scott and Townsend tried a combined effort and the result was that the inside right scored the first goal of the game, putting the Engineers in the lead. No further score came before the interval.

In the second half, rain commenced to fall and played havoc with much of the operations. The misfortunes of the Club players were even more pronounced than in the opening half. The play was of a ding-dong nature and the Engineers showed no contentment with a goal lead, even to the end. They played a sporting game, and they richly deserved the goal they got which put them two goals ahead, just before the close, through Townsend. There was no further incident of special note and the game ended with the scores:—Loyal Engineers, 2 goals; Hongkong F.C., nil.

Although the Engineers were anxious to add to their score, they were very mindful of their defence, and constantly the forwards paid attention to the safety of their goal when the Club appeared in any way dangerous. There is no doubt that there was a little too much of the solo effort business in connection with the Club play, and it is not necessary to

KIPLING'S WARLETTERS.

Heartening Messages to Friend
In France.

A couple of interesting letters from Rudyard Kipling to a French friend have been published in Paris. He freely uses the word "Boche," as every soldier does, says he could tell some pretty stories of the Indian troops, "but they are nearly all in your country," sarcastically refers to German "Kultur," and closes one of his notes with the following passage:

"Let us take courage and rejoice that it has been given us to live in such times. The issue is beyond all doubt, and the re-crystallisation of Europe will be something for the survivors to see. If we die, at any rate our two countries will not, and they will recreate the world."

The second letter is dated January 1, 1915:

"Our lads" (he says) "return from the front and reproach us for being so serious. One of them, a sailor, asked me the other day with complete simplicity why I seemed so pre-occupied. He saw nothing extraordinary in his question, and didn't understand why I fell to laughing."

Here is another characteristic passage:

"Remember the press is a stimulant, and that your people and mine have acquired the habit. When Russia suppressed vodka it was a small thing in comparison with what our Governments did when they out what we call the 'news.' Of course the suppression is making itself felt. The Boche himself receives a regular and carefully selected ration of 'news.' 'I am sorry—and so is everybody I meet—that our newspapers are allowed to speak with so much anger of the Harlepool, Whitby, and Scarborough affairs. It was a good thing for many people who remained in comfortable homes innocent of all anxiety.'"

And further on he writes:

"German 'civilisation' is incomprehensible. I do not pretend to have been in love with Russia 25 years ago, when she threatened India, but I used to love and understand the Russian officers; and the Russian idea at least was human, tolerant, and infinitely rich and manifold. The Arabs at least offered the choice between Islam and the sword, but 'le Boche' has only the sword, for his whole philosophy. It is, as you say, the problem of the mad dog, and the only hope lies in the death of the wretched animal."

In justice to Mr. Kipling, it should be explained that the extracts are translated from the French.—Exchange.

point out either to the players, the guilty parties, or the spectators, where the fault lay. Rogers certainly showed to advantage for the Engineers, much to the dismay of the Club, while Barlow, too, did well despite the two goals which went against him.

The teams were:—
Royal Engineers.—Rogers; Coxon and Richards; Brennan; Smith and Boff; Millard; Townsend; Scott; Hortop and Wilkie.
Hongkong F.C.—R. C. Barlow; A. Hamilton and J. McCabbin; E. G. Long; J. Stewart and M. L. Bailton; G. A. Robinson, P. Todd, J. Stalker, W. V. Ponnell and P. W. A. Wilkie.

Referee.—Mr. F. W. Eager.

At the conclusion of the game, the Hon. Mr. Landale spoke encouragingly to the players. He congratulated the winners and said that it appeared as though the usual span between the periods at which the Club had won the shield, would have to elapse again, before the honour once more fell to them.

Mrs. Landale presented the shield to Corporal Oxon, and the medals to the players amid deafening cheers. Lusty cheers were also given for the Club, at the conclusion.

At the conclusion of the distribution of the medals, Miss May Eager presented Mrs. Landale with a beautiful bouquet.

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THE SUN LIFE CO.

Absorption of the Federal Life Co.

Another big merger of life insurance interests has just been arranged by which the Sun Life Assurance Co., of Canada takes over the Federal Life Assurance Company whose headquarters are in Hamilton. While the full details of the transaction were not made public, it is stated that the stockholders of the Federal Life will be paid in cash, and that holders of policies will be reinsured in the Sun Life.

The Federal Life has an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, the whole of which, according to the last published returns, has been subscribed. It is divided into shares of \$100 each, upon which calls of \$13 each have been made and paid up.

T. B. Macaulay, managing director of the Sun Life, in confirming the report stated that from every standpoint it appeared to be an excellent thing for the policyholders of both companies. The Sun Life has over \$218,000,000 insurance in force and the Federal Life over \$28,000,000.

The amalgamation agreement entered into between the Federal and Sun Life Assurance Companies, an abstract of which will duly be forwarded to each of our policyholders and shareholders, will, I feel assured, be regarded by them as advantageous, and meet with their unqualified approval," said Dr. M. H. Atkins, of Barnhamthorpe, the president of the Federal Life Assurance Company.

The Federal Life directors, conscious of the position of trust which they occupy, have endeavoured to especially safeguard and advance the interests of their policyholders, and are confident that the terms of the agreement will clearly establish that such object has been attained.

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The Federal Life commenced business in 1883. One of the founders, the late David Dexter of Hamilton, occupied the position of managing director until 1912. In that year he assumed the dual office of president and managing director, which position he continued to hold until his death, in 1912. Thereupon Dr. M. H. Atkins, of Barnhamthorpe, who for a long period had been a director of the company, and for many years one of its vice-presidents, was elected to the presidency.

Among the directors of the company are: John B. Holdsh, first vice-president; Thomas C. Haslett, K. O., Hamilton, vice-president; E. H. Laschinger, Toronto; David A. Dunlap, Toronto; Hugh Guthrie, M. P., Guelph; E. J. Howard, Hamilton; W. G. Watson, Toronto; John Lennox, Hamilton; W. S. Morden, Toronto; and John R. Grover, Toronto.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 17.—In connection with the merger of the Sun and Federal Life Insurance Companies, it was announced to-day that the shareholders of the latter company will receive nearly five hundred per cent on their paid up stock. It has been

definitely decided that the offices will be moved from Hamilton to the headquarters of the Sun Company in Montreal.

THE JAPANESE QUESTION.

Boycott in Shanghai.

Although the police have removed from public view a great number of the placards calling upon the Chinese in Shanghai to boycott Japanese goods, the notices are still being industriously posted, with discretion, it must be said, none of the offenders having been caught.

Up to the present, the boycotting campaign has been carried on entirely by persons without authority—though it cannot as yet be added, and without influence. The Civil Governor, according to native newspapers, has pronounced against the movement, and it is reported that the people are being warned against the danger of taking part in or supporting the campaign. Nothing of a serious nature has been attempted, those actively interested having confined their energies to holding meetings, distributing bills and posters, and hauling down a few Japanese advertisement signs.

Two cases of sign-board snatching were before the Mixed Court recently. In the first case two Chinese were charged with maliciously damaging a sign board outside the premises of Yoshida & Co., in North Honan Road. Their excuses for pulling down the sign appears to have been that everybody was doing it. They were fined \$2, the money to be paid to the proprietor of the shop as compensation.

In the second case, two Chinese were ordered to pay damages for having removed a signboard from a Japanese shop in Elgin Road. In this case the defendants adopted the orthodox procedure of putting a ladder against the shop front and removing the sign.

The Press and the War.

On opening the new premises of the London Press Club recently the Hon. Harry Lawson, M.P., paid a tribute to the work of war correspondents. Some critics, he said, had blamed the Press for lack of appreciation of the needs of the public, but such criticism was based on ignorance of conditions. These persons did not realize the daily danger which the war correspondents ran in the firing lines or their imminent danger of being shot as spies if captured. He maintained that their work compared favourably with anything that had been done in the past.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

KOWLOON DISTRICT.
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MARSEILLES AND LONDON, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	Atsuta Maru Capt. T. Sato Yasaka Maru Capt. Yamawaki	T. 16,000 {SUN., 11th Apr. at noon. T. 21,000 {THURS., 22nd Apr. at noon.

VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, and Yokohama	Tamba Maru Capt. Nagasage Yokohama Maru Capt. Komatsu	T. 12,500 {TUES., 6th April, at noon. T. 12,500 {THURS., 15th Apr. at noon.
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thure-dav, Townsville and Brisbane	Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda Hitachi Maru Capt. Tominaga	T. 9,600 {FRI., 16th April at 4 p.m. T. 13,500 {MON., 17th May at 11 a.m.
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CALOUTTA, via Spore, Penang & Rangoon	Hakata Maru Capt. Kawashima	T. 12,500 {SATUR., 17th April.
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MOJI & Kobe	Jinsen Maru Capt. Terada	T. 8,000 {THURSDAY, 18th April.
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SHANGHAI, Kobe & Yokohama	Colombo Maru Capt. T. Satamoto	T. 8,000 {MONDAY, 12th April.
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NAGASAKI, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi Maru Capt. T. Sato	T. 9,600 {FRI., 16th April at 10 a.m.
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Fushimi	25,000 "	" 3rd June
Hirano	16,000 "	" 17th June

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For	Steamers.	To Sail.
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MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	7th Apr. at 4 p.m.
HONGKONG & PAKHOI	Wenchow	7th Apr. at 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG	Sungkiang	7th Apr. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Yingchow	8th Apr. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Tean	13th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Chenan	11th Apr. at daylight.

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Tjilatjap	JAPAN	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
xTjikembang	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.
Tjibodas	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	S'HAU	2nd half Apr.
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LOG BOOK

British Shipping Conditions. In regard to the conditions in British merchant shipping, the January circular of H. E. Moss and Co., Liverpool, is worth reading. They say:

When we issued our last semi-annual steamship circular, on July 1, 1914, few ship owners or others contemplated we were on the eve of the greatest crisis the world has ever seen, yet apparently in diplomatic circles it was not entirely unexpected. Nevertheless, what has happened occurred at the psychological moment and we have much to be thankful for.

The outbreak of hostilities coming so suddenly, a world-wide financial panic was averted by the prompt action of our government, to whose forethought and promptitude we owe so much. Then, the shipping insurance scheme so quickly inaugurated inspired all ship owners with confidence.

We must not, however, forget how much we are indebted to our Admiralty, who have done their part so quietly and so thoroughly. With so much uncertainty existing early in August, a slump in freights and values of steamers naturally occurred, and for two months it was scarcely possible to obtain a bid, and prices for building were practically as low as they have been for a long time past. Since then, however, there has been a very great change.

Most of the shipyards are full to overflowing, freights have advanced in many instances over 100 per cent, and those ship owners whose steamers are not tied up are reaping profits never before experienced.

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The Canadian-Pacific Scheme.

The Canadian-Pacific Bill before the Dominion Parliament is to create a separate company to control steamships. The Bill authorises the company to divide itself into two corporations, one to operate under the Canadian law, while the other will be incorporated in England, and will be known as the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services (Ltd.). Under the Bill the Canadian-Pacific Railway Company may sell any of its vessels to the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., and may guarantee securities of the Ocean Services Company and invest in these securities. The Bill is opposed on the grounds that it may add to the cost of transportation. It may be noted the Canadian-Pacific Company has been quick to appreciate the unrivalled opportunity now offered to develop its shipping business.

The Channel Tunnel.

The *Gaulois* editorially suggests that in order to show French confidence in the future, and in the ties of brotherhood uniting France and England, now is the time to start building the under Channel Tunnel. The paper points out that if the tunnel existed now, the power of the Allies would be ten times what it is, as by its means they would have their combining action free from all interference, and moreover the tunnel would bring London within four hours of Paris.

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SHANGHAI	Taksang	Thur., 8th Apr. at d'light
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Thur., 8th Apr. at noon
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 10th Apr. at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN via Weihaiwei	Chipsang	Mon., 12th Apr. at d'light
MOJI, Yokohama & Kobe	Fooksang	Mon., 12th Apr. at noon
MANILA	Yuensang	Sat., 17th Apr. at 3 p.m.
MOJI, Kobe & Yokohama	Laisang	Tues., 20th Apr. at d'light

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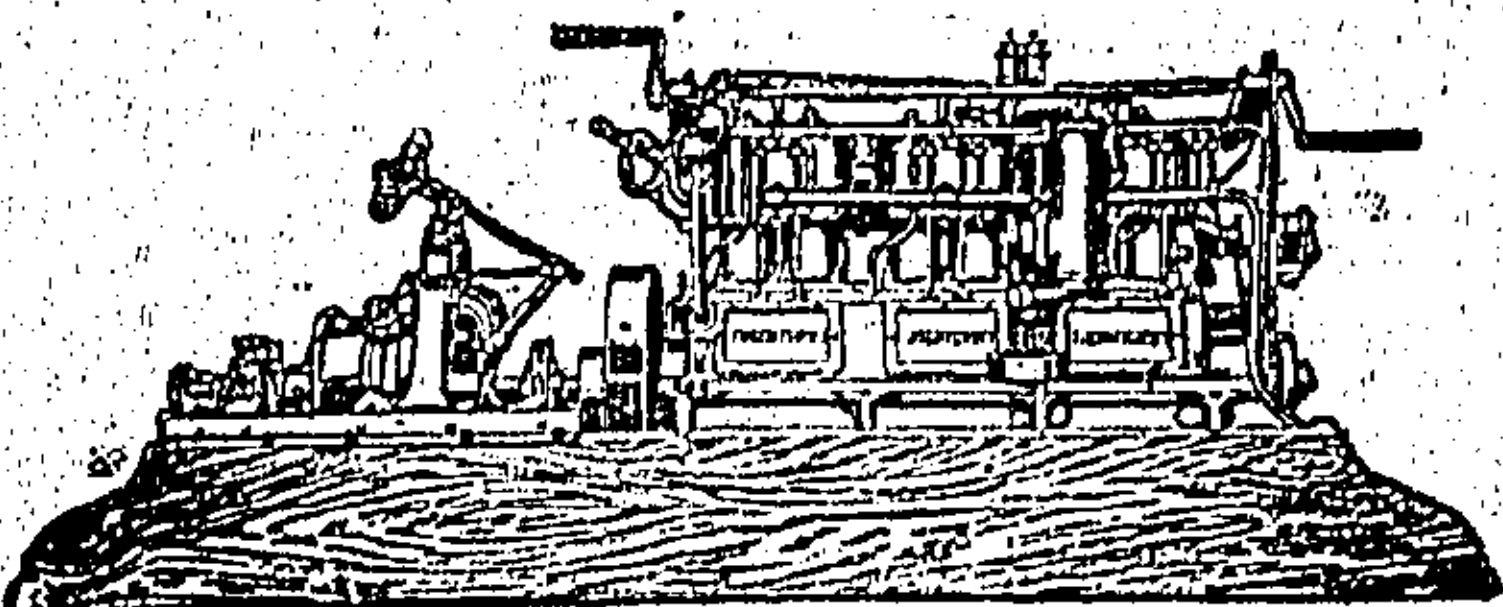
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L'don	Carshire	J. M. Co.	11, Apr.
Marseilles via Ports	E. Simons	M. M.	17, Apr.
L'don, via S'pore, P'ang, C'bo, &c. Nore	P. & O.	P. & O.	28, Apr.
Marseilles, London & Liverpool	Kalomo	B. L. L.	10, May

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San F'isco via M'la & Japan &c.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	27, Apr.
New York via Panama Canal	B. Castle	D. & Co.	E. of A.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan etc.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	1, May
San F'co via Manila & Japan &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	4, May
Mexican, Peruvian and Chile			
Ports via Japan	Seiyo M.	T. K. K.	11, May
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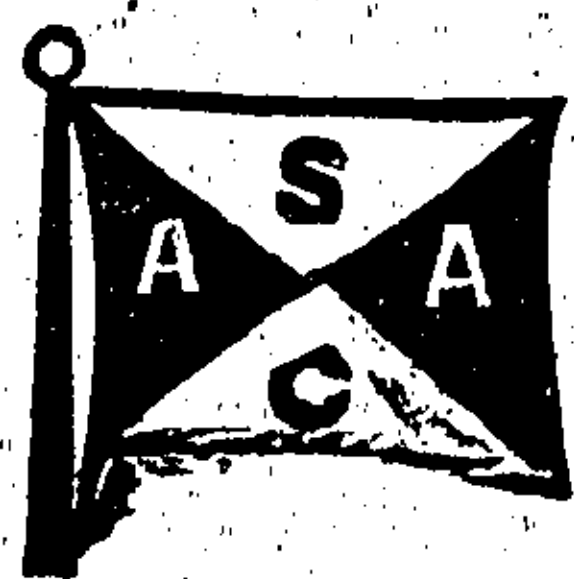
Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	10, Apr.
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Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	8, Apr.
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Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Corilliere	M. M.	19, Apr.
Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	Itola	D. S. Co.	20, Apr.
Singapore, Mauritius & South			
African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	15, June
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Steamers.

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Hongkong, Fr. s.s. 742, A. Marguerite, 28th ult.—Haiphong, 26th ulto. Gen. —A. R. Marty.	
Hinsang, Br. s.s. 1,885, A. C. Kennedy, 30th ult.—Sandakan, 24th ulto. Gen. —J. M. & Co.	
Yuensang, Br. s.s. 1,128, P. H. Rolfs, 30th ult.—Manila, 27th ulto. Gen.— J. M. & Co.	
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Kaifong, Br. s.s. Bany Evans, 1st April— Haiphong, 30th ult. Gen.—B. & S.	
Suikai, Port. s.s. 714, Marques, 1st April —Kwangchow, Macao, Gen.— Q. J. L.	
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Changchow, Br. s.s. 1,206, Morse, 1st inst. —Bangkok, 31st ult. Gen.—B. & S.	
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Kashig, Br. s.s. 1,114, Byers, 2nd inst.— Bangkok, 25th ult. Rice—B. & S.	
Tijlatjap, D.t., s.s. 2,111, V. S. Hornblow, 2nd inst.—Macao, 27th ult. Gen.— J. O. J. L.	
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1915.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE STORMING OF HARTMANNS-WEILERKOPF.

THRILLING STORY OF FRENCH OPERATIONS.

HOW AN INVISIBLE FORTRESS WAS DEMOLISHED STONE BY STONE.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

April 4, 8.10 p.m.
Reuter's Paris correspondent states that the French official "Eye-witness" gives a vivid account of the storming of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. He recalls how the French advance guard in January was compelled to surrender there, owing to hunger. Hasty counter-attacks were impossible, and consequently the French started methodical preparations to demolish, stone by stone, the invisible fortress from which the Germans had been dominating the valley, directing their artillery fire with deadly accuracy. The fog prevailing in the Vosges further made their task most difficult. The French dug trenches, erected shelters, constructed gun-positions and launched their attack at the end of February, but the Germans burrowed the woods and only gave a hundred yards.

Still more deliberate preparations ensued, resulting in the capture of some of the enemy's blockhouses and first line of trenches early in March, after intense artillery fire and a brilliant charge by chasseur. This drove the Germans to exasperation, and two German regiments made four counter-attacks during the day and two the next day. Two further sorties were mowed down by our artillery. Now it was we who had the upper hand and who felt sure of winning by hard fighting. Our gunners were learning by daring and patience the positions in these dense woods. They had honey-combed the hill with more than thirty miles of telephone wires.

In the middle of March, our artillery, bombarded the enemy for four hours after a heavy fight. The guns poured a terrific and precise fire among the trees, and there could be seen hurtling through the air fragments of the Germans' equipment and portions of the trenches.

Then the infantry dashed forward and the Germans were thrown into complete consternation. The French pressed furiously forward and carried two lines of trenches, taking many prisoners. The Chasseurs debouched from the flank with equal dash, carrying the lines before them. We repulsed two counter-attacks and organised the ground won.

There was activity in the German trenches on the following day. The appearance of bayonets and helmets heralded a big counter-attack. Our artillery, with appalling rapidity, found the enemy's trenches again, men and equipment hurtling through the air.

Then, on the day of the great assault, March 28, the Frenchmen noted joyfully that the fog, which for many weeks had favoured the Germans, had melted before the first rays of the sun. All was ready, and from this point onward the drama proceeded with automatic regularity. Between us and the summit were three lines of trenches and blockhouses, and trees still masked the defences of the enemy, but French artillery of every description pounded the Germans.

Huge pines crashed down, and the whole ground was chaos and holes. Cries of agony were heard from the German shelters, and ammunition stores exploded. The work of destruction was continued remorselessly for over four hours, then the infantry, in a magnificent rush, stormed the summit. Chasseurs with hand grenades took the trenches on the right, other troops progressing on the left, and the artillery swept the eastern slopes, completely demolishing the Germans.

Thus we conquered the whole of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The dash of the Frenchmen carried them beyond the summit, where they also established themselves in a formidable position. That evening snow fell, covering with a white winding-sheet those who had fallen.

Such was the Hartmanns-Weilerkopf affair, which will be reckoned among the finest pages of mountain war. Henceforth the whole plain to the eastward was under our fire. Amid the snow we counted 700 German dead, and we captured large numbers of prisoners and much war material.

A Bad Time for the Austrians.

April 5, 1.45 a.m.

According to a Petrograd official despatch, the defeat of the Austrians on March 30 near the villages of Schilovitzky and Malintzy, when 2,133 prisoners, forty field-kitchens and eight field telegraphs were taken, resulted in the enemy's retreating along the whole front, and the complete failure of his attempt to invade Bessarabia in the direction of Chotin.

Further Capture by the French.

April 5, 1.45 a.m.

A Paris evening communique says: "Quiet along the whole front, except at Woivre, where our progress has continued. We captured the village of Regnieville, west of Fryenhaye, and occupied it on April 1."

FOR THE CIGARETTE FUND.

An Excellent Concert at the
Theatre Royal.

An interesting concert was given on Saturday evening at the Theatre Royal in aid of the Allied Forces Tobacco Fund. There was a fair attendance, including the Chief Justice and Lady Rees Davies, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Looker, Dr. and Mrs. Montague Harston, Capt. R. O. Hutchinson and Mr. P. E. J. Wodehouse.

Mr. H. Relp was responsible for quite a good programme in which a number of local favourites appeared. Mr. W. B. Cawsey sang "The Last Watch," in good style, while Mr. A. J. England sang "The Day" and "Song of the Bow" in most pleasing fashion. Professor E. Danenberg played "Polonaise in E major," Liszt-Basani, in his usual excellent manner and was enthusiastically encored. The other items comprising the first half were the appearances of Mrs. Goodman, who rendered "There's a Land," the Kowloon Quartette, who were encored for "Brothers in Arms," and Mr. Relp, who was responsible for three clever impersonations. In the second portion of the programme, Mrs. F. H. Williams, Mr. Relp and Mr. Williams appeared in an amusing sketch, "Packing Up," in which the three artistes did themselves great credit. Professor Godzales, who played Sarasate's "Dances" and Goldmark's "Suite No. 1," also conducted the orchestra arranged by himself, which provided some good music throughout the evening.

The full programme was as follows:—

Part I.
Song, "The Day" Guy D'Hardelot, Mr. A. J. England (bass baritone);
Song, Mrs. F. Goodman. (contralto).

Kowloon Quartette, "Brothers in Arms," Leader Mr. A. Gray (2nd Bass), Mr. J. Smith (2nd Tenor), Mr. W. Brown (1st Bass), Mr. J. Allen (1st Tenor).

Pianoforte Solo, "Polonaise in E Major," Liszt-Basani, Prof. E. Danenberg.

Song, "The Last Watch," Pieranti, Mr. W. B. Cawsey (Tenor); Accompanist, Mrs. J. R. Culler.

Impersonations, Mr. H. Relp, (a) Mr. Albert Chevalier, (b) Mr. Harry Lauder, (c) A London Coaster at the Theatre.

Part II.
Kowloon Quartette, "Come where my love lies dreaming."

Song, "The Sailors Grave," Sullivan, Mr. W. B. Cawsey.

Violin Solo ("a) Suite No. 1," O. Goldmark, ("b) Dances," Sarasate, Prof. F. Godzales.

Song, "Song of the Bow," F. Aylward, Mr. A. J. England.

Song, Mrs. F. Goodman.

One Act Sketch:—"Packing Up."

Dramatis Personae:—Mr. Clugwater, A Youngish Married Man, Mr. H. Relp; Mrs. Clugwater, His Wife, Mrs. F. H. Williams; Luggage Man, Mr. F. H. Williams. Scene, The Dressing Room. Time (Present).

Territorials in Cairo.

Cairo had an opportunity recently of seeing at close quarters the British Territorial troops, when the strongest force of all arms seen for many years paraded the city. The display was magnificent and in every way splendid. The bearing of the men was a veritable revelation, and aroused the enthusiasm of the crowds. The manner in which the Territorial troops have come on in such a short time carries the conviction that they will be a most serviceable force, and reflects the greatest credit on the staff.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION.

MAKING UNNECESSARY ENEMIES.

["PUBLIC LEDGER," PHILADELPHIA.]
The following leading article is from the Philadelphia Public Ledger of February 18:—

It is difficult to believe that Germany wishes to increase the number of her enemies. Yet, the course she is pursuing is well-nigh certain to lead to that result. Italy has now followed the example of the United States in protesting against the war zone decree, and it is clear that any attempt to enforce it will irritate every nation whose interests are affected. The story of the sinking of the British steamship Icaria by a German submarine emphasizes the essentially piratical nature of this method of preying upon an enemy's commerce. No warning was given, no attention paid to the safety of the crew; the Icaria was simply sunk and those on board were left to get off as best they could.

The Government at Washington has very properly pointed out to the Government at London that the use of the American flag by British vessels ought not to be adopted as a general policy. To raise it over a ship in imminent peril is quite a different matter; and if such an act protects the lives of American passengers it may properly be condoned as a case de guerre. But there is no comparison between that issue and the one which is provoked by the policy of the Government at Berlin.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the tone of the German press does not represent the attitude of the Kaiser and his advisers. The Kaiser, at least, has always shown a certain friendliness for the United States, and the report that he is to confer in person with Ambassador Gerard confirms the belief that he is disposed to listen to reason.

The German Ambassador at Washington has hinted that if the United States can induce Great Britain to abandon the attempt to starve out Germany the war zone order will be withdrawn. The difficulty in making such a bargain is that the first is a legitimate stratagem of war and the second is not. It is for Great Britain to decide whether it is not better to run the risk that food sent to Germany will be seized for military purposes than to expose her commerce to a particularly dangerous form of attack, which would be injurious to her own interests and create irritation among neutral nations as well; and Mr. Winston Churchill's statement yesterday indicates that she has decided.

But even if the United States should make representations on this score without success, there would be no justification for the kind of retaliation proclaimed at Berlin. That would almost inevitably increase the number of Germany's enemies, whatever Great Britain might do.

German Clergymen Want to Fight.

Berlin, Nov. 27, via London, 3.28 p.m.—The evangelical clergymen of Berlin and its suburbs have signed a declaration protesting against the military decree which says that student clergymen, clergymen ordained or clergymen who have been pensioners may not be called to arms. In their protest the clergymen declare this decree cannot be justified and is an insult to them. All other classes and professions have the honour of being able to fight for their country, and they would do likewise. They are going to petition the Reichstag to abolish the decree.

TURF CHATTER.

The Lincolnshire Handicap.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

London, March 5.

Another week has passed and little additional light (our racing correspondent "Centaur" writes) has been shed on the Lincolnshire Handicap. The fact is not surprising in the circumstances, for the tendency in quite recent years had been for this first big handicap of the flat racing season to attract less and less public attention. The public have grown tired of ante-post betting with its traps for those who engaged in it. Even if the horses they support weeks ahead of the race go to the post on the day it not invariably happens that equally as good prices are to be obtained half an hour before the race. On the whole the decay of the ante-post betting is a healthy event, which the war has done much to hasten. It would, for instance, alarm those people who have supported Polystrate to read a few days ago that the horse had contracted coughing. Everyone who is connected with the thoroughbred knows that coughing is a most serious matter when it occurs in the course of a horse's preparation for a race. In the case of Polystrate I am cautiously assured by the owner, Mr. James Russell, that the coughing was so slight as to have been without any ill-effects. That, however, remains to be seen. Polystrate, it seems, was so far advanced in condition that the stoppage in his work was calculated to do him good rather than harm. There is such a thing as a horse coming fit too soon and then going off before the day on which he is wanted. Nevertheless coughing, however slight, must be regarded as a disquieting incident—one of those incidents that could best be dispensed with.

Polystrate's place as a favourite has not been taken by Outram, who won the race last year for Mr. Paul Nelke. Outram probably owed his victory a year ago to the fact that he was the fittest animal in the field. His trainer, Sam Pickering, is aiming to achieve the same thing now. No horse at Newmarket is so forward. Pickering has always had his eye on the race where this horse is concerned, and I am permitted to say that the trainer is decidedly hopeful that his history will repeat itself. Lord Annandale is the other animal that finds favour. This is a winner of the Stewards' Cup and on the balance of his form he is unquestionably well treated in the Lincoln race. Whether he will stay the mile is a detail open to some doubt. Naturally his admirers are convinced that he will do so.

Sandown Park.

The five meeting which took place under National Hunt Rules at Sandown Park yielded much to those who never fail to take an interest in the Grand National Steeplechase. The meeting referred to was in place of the Grand Military fixture which is usually held at Sandown and which for obvious reasons was abandoned. Let us hope it will be renewed with added zest next year! It was on the third day of the meeting that some prominent "National" horses were seen out, the event being the Granby Handicap Steeplechase of three miles. For this we had the winner of the Australian Grand National (Ballawarra, 12.3) Alfred Noble (11.13) and Ally Sloper (11.0), and as a fact they finished first, second, and third, reversing the order in which their names are written above. Thus Ally Sloper won by a head over Alfred Noble, who finished three lengths in front of the Australian Champion, Ballawarra made many friends from the circumstance

A TALK WITH SULTAN HUSSEIN.

Enlightened Police for the
Future of Egypt.

A report of a conversation with the Sultan Hussein, in Cairo, Egypt, was published recently by the London Daily Chronicle. Referring to the Turco-Egyptian situation, his Highness declared that there need be no fear for Egypt, so far as the acts of Germans in Turkey are concerned.

"The evil effects of those acts," the Sultan added, "will be confined to the Turkish provinces. The sole purpose and whole aim of the Germans is to hold up British troops here, far away from the seat of the war in Europe."

He expressed deep regret at the fate that has befallen the Ottoman Sultanate through the recklessness of Turkish politicians.

"All sensible Turks," he added, "are enraged at the action of these men; and one of Turkey's best-known men of letters, Kadri Effendi, has just written to me pointing out and condemning the awful ignorance of this misled action of the Committee of Union and Progress, which is driving Turkey to destruction."

The Sultan also discussed with the interviewer the question of Egyptian education, expressing special interest in the future of Al Azhar University, which, with its 15,000 students, is the largest institution of its kind in the world. He wishes to see introduced into it courses in modern science, so that it may draw to it students from all parts of the Mohammedan world. His Highness also insisted on the importance of education for women.

"It is not enough," he said, "for Egyptian girls to learn English and French. They must learn to be housewives; they must study domestic economy and how to rear children strong in body, mind, and character. I am sorry that some of our girls only learn how to follow the caprices of fashion and to spend money recklessly."

IN SHANGHAI.

The Anti-Japanese Movement.

It will be remembered, says the Shanghai Mercury of March 24, that a meeting was held at Chang Suho's garden on Bubbling Well Road, which led to turbulent scenes. The other day it came to disturbances in Foochow Road and other places.

We have now had an opportunity of interviewing a gentleman, who, being in close connection with the local authorities, gives us the following statement.

The Chinese authorities have hitherto done their best to prevent troubles caused by irresponsible persons. His Excellency Yangcheng, the Tsoyin of Shanghai, some time ago, communicated with Mr. McEuen, Captain Superintendent of the Shanghai Municipal Police, the Mixed Court authorities of both Settlements, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, advising them to take precautionary measures in case of emergencies.

And, so far as Chinese Territory is concerned, nothing untoward has occurred and it is to be hoped that nothing will occur owing to the strict vigilance and watchfulness of the Chinese authorities. With regard to the above we learn that His Excellency Yangcheng has had drawn up a very strongly-worded proclamation, which has been sent to the Consular body for the purpose of posting in and outside the Settlements. No doubt this action of the Chinese authorities will be duly appreciated by residents of Shanghai.

OPIUM CHARGE.

No Guilty Knowledge.

At the Police Court, this morning, a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of 120, four-tael tins of opium.

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EASTER AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

Perosi's Missa Pontificalis.

The British Catholic element appeared in strong force at the Church of St. Joseph at the seven and ten o'clock Masses yesterday. At the latter service the Rev. Fr. Augustine was celebrant and preacher.

The music of the Mass was by Perosi, the world-famous Benedictine composer; and was heard yesterday for the first time in Hongkong, the performance being very greatly to the credit of the choir. The Missa Pontificalis is ideal for a small choir for it makes but little demand for heavy chorus work. It is intensely devotional throughout and requires very skilful accompaniment, and it says much for the St. Joseph's organist and orchestra that they showed themselves equal to the task. The few short solos were also remarkably well given. At the Offertory a very pretty setting of Regina Coeli was sung.

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Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb. 42
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	30
Geese—Ngo	24
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each 28
Holbro—Hoi How Pak Kap	25
Snipe—Sha Tani	each 22
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb. 60
Hen—Na	45
Pheasant—Shan Kai	75
Quail—Om Chun	25
Partridges—Che Kn	65

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb. 18
Bream—Pin Yu	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	15
Carp—Li Yu	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	12
Codfish—Man Yu	14
Crabs—Hoi	26
Cuttle Fish—Mok Yu	16
Dab—Sha Mang Yu	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	13
Dog Fish—Tat To Sha	10
Eels, Conger—Hoi Man	13
Fresh water—Tam Sai Yu	18
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	32
Frogs—Tin Kai	33
Garoupa—Shek Pan	40
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	16
Herrings—Tao Pak	20
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap	20
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	18
Loach—Wu Yu	28
Lobsters—Lung Ha	28
Mackerel—Chi Yu	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	32
Mullet—Chai Yu	16
Oysters—Shang Ho	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Yung Yu	12
Porch—Tau Lo	18
Pike—Fa Pau Fong	16
Plaice—Pan Yu	15
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	26
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	38
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	10
Rock Fish—Shek Kua Kung	15
Roach—Chun Yu	12
Salmon—Ma Yu	30
Shark—Sha Yu	7
Skate—Po Yu	8
Shrimps—Ha	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	23
Soles—Tat Sha Yu	26
Tench—Wan Yu	18
Turbot—Cho How Yu	18
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keuk Yu	60

FRUITS.

Almonds—Hang Yan	lb. 35
Apples (California)—Kam Sha Ping Kho	18
(Chetoo)—Tin Chun Fung Kho	—

肉食

Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heung Chia lb.	3
(brides), Macao—San Heung Chia	—
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut	—
Carambola—Yeung To	—
Coconuts—Ye Tso	each 12
Grapes—Po Tai Tsz	lb. 30
Lemons, China—Ling Mang	8
"America—Kam Shan Liang Mung	10
Lichees Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone	lb 28
"Fresh	—
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	5
"Sweet	8
Pears, (American), K'u San Shoot Lay	—
(Canton), Cooking—She Li	10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	10
Plantain—Tai Chia	10
Plums—Swatow, Hung Lai	—
Pamelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	each 14
"Shanghai—Lo Kwat	—
Walnuts—Hop To	lb 15
Green—Sang Hop Tuo	—
Water Melon—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each —

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Ah, Chi	lb 8
Chenck	8
Beans, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau	8
(French) Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin	—
Sprout—Ah Choi	8
Long—Tau Kok	10
Beet Root—Hung Chai Tau	each 6
Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	8
Brijals, Green—Ching Yuen Kwa	8
Red—Hung Ke	8
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Ka Tsoi	lb 10
Cabbage, Shanghai—Ye Tsoi	14
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kau Shun	8
Carrots—Kam Shun	lb 6
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Tsoi	8
Chillies Dried—Kon Lap Chiu	25
Red—Hung Fa Chiu	10
Green—Ching Lap Chiu	8
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Li Chai Liu	10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each 2
Garlic—Sun Tau	lb 8
Ginger, young—Sun Tse Keung	6
old—Lo Keung	0
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	12
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	each —
Lettuces—Young Shung Tsoi	1
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tsi	lb 6
Mandarin—Fai Lam Ma Tai	8
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Cho Ko	35
Musk Melon Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each —
Okros	lb —
Onions Bombay—Yeung Chong Tau	8
Green—Shang Chong	6
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	7
Parsley—Kun Tsi	lb 8
Green Peas—Ching Tau	lb —
Potatoes, Sweet—Fao Shu	3
Shanghai—Sheung-hoi Shu Tsi	—
Japan—Yut Pun Shu Tsi	3
American—Fa Ki Shu Tsi	8
Fochoow—Fao-chow Shu Tsi	—
Pumpkin—Tong Kwa	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsi	5
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	—
Sage—Tse So	—
Shallots—Kon Chung Tsi	8
Spinach—Yin Tsoi	5
Tomatoes—Fan Ke	6
Taros—Wu tau	6
Turnip, Punli, (Long)—Lo Pak	4
English—Yeung Lo Pak	—
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Fwa	4
(American)—Kam-san Chit Fwa	—
Water Cross—Sai Yeung Tsoi	12
Lily root—Lin Ngau	6
Yams—Ta Shu	6
English—Yeung Kan Choi	—
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THE WAR.

(Continued from back of page 8.)

Oct. 12—A Boer commando in the Cape Province mutinies.

Oct. 13—Belgian Government transferred from Ostend to Havre.

Oct. 14—Allies occupy Ypres. Battle begins on the Yser.

Oct. 15—Ostend occupied by the Germans.

Oct. 16—British cruiser Hawke sunk by German submarine.

Oct. 24—Ten days' battle before Warsaw ends in German defeat.

Oct. 27—Russians recapture Lodz and Radom.

Oct. 29—Turkey begins war on Russia by naval attacks on Odessa and in the Crimea.

Oct. 30—Col. Mervitz, rebel leader driven out of Cape Colony.

Nov. 1—German naval victory off the coast of Chile.

Nov. 3—German squadron makes a raid on British coast near Yarmouth.

Nov. 4—German cruiser York strikes mines in Jade Bay and sinks.

Nov. 5—England and France declare war on Turkey. Dardanelles forts bombarded. Russians recapture Jassy.

Nov. 6—Taichang surrenders.

Nov. 7—Russians enter East Prussia.

Nov. 10—The Emden destroyed.

Nov. 11—Germans capture Dixmude.

Nov. 12—Russians occupy Johannisburg in East Prussia.

Nov. 19—House of Commons votes a new army of 1,000,000 men. More than 1,000,000 men already under arms, exclusive of Territorials.

Nov. 23—Russians surround German corps south of Lodz.

Nov. 28—British battleship Bulwark destroyed by explosion in the Medway River. Germans break through Russian circle near Lodz.

Dec. 1—German Reichstag votes new credit of five billion marks. King George in Flanders.

Dec. 2—Austrians occupy Belgrade. Gen. De Wet captured.

Dec. 3—Servians turn on Austrians in three days' battle which ends in a notable Serbian victory.

Dec. 6—Germans occupy Lodz.

Dec. 8—British naval victory off Falkland Islands. British occupy Bussorah in Asia Minor.

Dec. 9—Gen. Byers, Boer leader, killed at the Vaal River.

Dec. 13—British submarine sinks the Mesudieh in Dardanelles.

Dec. 14—Servians capture large Austrian forces.

Dec. 15—Austrians evacuate Belgrade.

Dec. 16—German cruisers bombard Scarborough and Hartlepool.

Dec. 18—Egypt proclaimed a British protectorate. Gen. Botha regards Boer rebellion as at an end.

Dec. 20—20—Severe fighting on the line of the Bzura River.

Dec. 22—French Parliament assembles.

Dec. 23—French Chamber votes war credit of £340,000,000.

Dec. 25—British naval and aerial raid against Cuxhaven.

Dec. 28—French occupy St. Georges, near Nieuport.

Jan. 1, 1915—British battleship Formidable sunk in the Ouessant.

Jan. 3—French capture Steinbach.

Jan. 3-4—Russians win decisive victory over Turks in the Caucasus. Russians overrun Bakovic.

Jan. 8—French advance across Aisne, north of Soissons.

Jan. 13—Turks occupy Tabriz. Count Berchtold resigns.

Jan. 19—German air fleet bombards Yarmouth and other Norfolk coast towns.

Jan. 21—General Falkenhayn, German War Minister, resigns.

Jan. 24—British naval victory in North Sea: the Blücher sunk.

Jan. 26—Germans lose two battalions at Givency and Quinchoy.

Jan. 31—Germany inaugurates submarine raids on British shipping.

Feb. 3—German destroyer sunk by Russian submarine off Denmark. German auxiliary cruiser sunk off Patagonia.

Feb. 5—Turks attempt to cross Suez Canal.

Feb. 8—Total British casualties 104,000. Turks retreat from Suez Canal.

Feb. 6—Allies resolve to unite financial resources.

Feb. 10—Germans execute the rebel Maritz.

Feb. 17—Canadian contingent lands in France.

Feb. 20-27—Over 10,000 Germans surrender in France.

Feb. 27—Allied Fleet enters the Dardanelles after destructive bombardment.

Mar. 1—House of Commons votes supplementary credit of 37 millions and a fresh credit of 250 millions.

March 8—British aeroplanes attack Ostend.

March 9—Second Canadian contingent lands in England.

March 8-10—Four German submarines accounted for.

March 10—British capture Neuve Chapelle.

March 14—Announced that German losses in La Bassée region total 10,000 in three days.

March 14—German cruiser Dresden sunk off Juan Fernandez Island.

March 16—Sir John French estimates German losses in La Bassée region to be 17,000.

March 18—British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and French battleship Bouvet sunk by floating mines in Dardanelles. Admiralty announces that it has reason to believe the Karlsruhe was sunk off the West Indies in November.

March 19—Russians enter Memel, East Prussia.

March 21—Futile Zeppelin raid on Paris.

March 22—Przemysl surrendered to the Russians.

A Howitt-Phillips Wedding.

Says the *Strait Times* of March 28—An interesting theatrical wedding was solemnised by the Rev. F. G. Swindell at St. Andrew's Cathedral this morning when two members of the Howitt-Phillips family, at present playing at the Palladium, were united in marriage. The bride was Miss Beryl Barracough and the bridegroom Mr. Carl Lawson. Mr. Jack Vallance gave the bride away and Mr. Jack Elagert undertook the responsibilities of best man. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was held at Raffles Hotel.

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British Postal Orders are now on sale at the Sai Yung Poon Branch Post Office.

The Public are advised to post early as there is a danger of late posted correspondence missing the mail owing to the censorship.

The afternoon Mail for Canton will close at the General Post Office at 6 p.m. No late bag will be closed on board the steamer.

The Pillar Box formerly at the junction of Kimberley and Nathan Roads has been removed to the junction of Austin Avenue and Kimberley Road.

Commanding on Saturday, the 27th inst. a mail for Canton will be closed at the G. P. O. every Saturday, at 6 p.m.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan, via Moji, Victoria and Seattle, via Wash. United Kingdom via Canada—Per TAMBA MARU, 6th 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan, via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, S. America & Canada via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—MANOHURIA, 6th April, Noon.

(Tientsin-Peking Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Friday 9th inst.)

Swatow, Amoy & Fuchow—Per HAITAN, 6th April, noon.

Shanghai, N. China—Per LUCHOW, 6th April 3 p.m.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 6th April, 3 p.m.

Shanghai, & North China—Per ONSANG, 6th April, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

Holbow & Pakhoi—Per WENOHOW, 7th April, 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 8th April.

Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 8th April 11 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 8th April, noon.

SATURDAY, 10th April.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port Darwin, New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per OHANG-SHA, 10th April, 10 a.m.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. Late Letters 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the clearances will be included in this contract mail. The parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 9th April at 5 p.m.—Per ORIENTAL, 10th April, 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, 11th April.

Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles and London—Per ATBUTA MARU, 11th April 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 13th April.

Manila—Per TEAN, 13th April 3 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Taming, Br. s.s., 1,350, O. H. Pennfather, 2nd inst.—Manila, 30th ult. Gen. B & S.

Polynesien, Fr. s.s., 3,543, Costa, 2nd inst.—Shanghai, 31st ult. Gen.—M. & Co.

Kitro Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,357, L. Sasaki, 2nd inst.—Moji, 28th ult. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,361, G. E. Hodelma, 2nd inst.—Saigon, 29th ult. Rice—D L & Co.

E. Sang, Br. s.s., 1,177, M. S. Bakere, 4th inst.—Dulay, 29th ult. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Miyazaki Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,897, J. Teranaka, 4th inst.—Singapore, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Wimbledon, Br. s.s., 2,436, John Canell, 3rd inst.—Panama, 22nd ult. Gen.—D L & Co.

Dagfin, Norw. s.s., 897, A. S. Salvesen, Bangkok, 26th ult. Rice—T & Co.

Lucbow, Br. s.s., 1,221, D. R. Davies, 3rd inst.—Shanghai, 3rd ult. Gen.—B & S.

Tikial, Dut. s.s., 2,888, Lap, 3rd inst.—Amoy, 2nd inst. Gen. J. C. J. L.

Hild, Norw. s.s., 720, G. Genson, 3rd inst.—Bangkok, Rice—Chinco.

Hangsan, Br. s.s., 1,356, S. Wilda, 3rd inst.—Saigon, 30th ult. Rice—J. M. & Co.

Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. W. Evans, 5th inst.—Swatow, 4th inst. Gen.—D L & Co.

On Sang, Br. s.s., 1,717, G. T. Tough, 4th inst.—Calcutta, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

DEPARTED.

April 1.

Taiyo Maru for Darwin.

Tatsun for Shanghai.

Lok Sang for Haiphong via Holbow.

Zafra for Saigon.

Hanoi for Haiphong via Huikow.

Anhui for Shanghai.

Sultan Van Langkat for Swatow.

Changva for Kowachowan.

Kwang Lee for Canton.

Telemachans for Penang via Singapore.

Hong Wan Is. for Rangoon via Amoy.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Haiyang from Saigon on 29th March.—Mr. Jacobson.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per P. & O. s.s. Maloja, from London March 6th.—Miss G. M. Young, Miss J. Bushell, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. R. Aitken, Miss J. Macgregor, Mr. D. Muir, Mrs. Hunter, and Mr. F. Nicolle.

Per P. & O. s.s. Nagoya, from London March 20.—Mr. D. Muir, Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Taylor and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Piesse and child, Mrs. Logan, Mr. H. B. Phillips, Mr. M. Murphy, Mr. Rayner, Mr. N. Kienally, Mr. M. Costello, Mrs. J. F. Cooke and party.

Per P. & O. s.s. Mervita, from London March 20.—Mr. J. O. Oswald, Mr. A. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Kelly, Miss L. Orr.

Per P. & O. s.s. Moldavia, from London April 17.—Mr. A. H. Compton, and Mr. J. Poulsen.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. Fushimi Maru, from London March 13.—Miss Dacie, Miss Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Heron and two children, Mr. Tucker and Miss Elsch.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. Hirano Maru, from London March 27.—Dr. W. Burke.

FRIDAY 16th April.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, and New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per NIKKO MARU, 16th April 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 21st April.

Timor, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin, New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per EMPIRE, 21st April, 10 a.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 1st at 11.00—Pressure has increased moderately over S. Manchuria, and N. Japan, and decreased moderately to slightly over the remainder of the area. It is highest over S. Manchuria, and depressions are situated to N.W. of Shanghai, the S.E. of the Loochoos and over Indo-China.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.07 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	E. & S.E. winds, light to moderate; cloudy with fog or mist.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Loochoos	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register, 1st April, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Weather
Wootok	7a	30.13	24	7	se	1 b
Namuro	6a	30.01			nsw	0
Hakodate		30.03			nsw	2
Tokio		30.02			nsw	1
Koshi		30.07			nsw	1
Nagasaki		30.03			nsw	0
Yokohama		30.03			nsw	5
Osaka		29.97			nsw	4
Naha		29.99			nsw	2
Ishijima		30.01			nsw	2
Benin Is.		30.18			nsw	1
Chefoo						
Whalei		29.99	40	91	sw	5 f
Hankow						
Shanghai						
Shanghai		30.05	45		10	
Gutzlaff		30.04	46		1 b	
Sharp P.	7a	30.13	53	93	ne	2 b
Amoy	6a	29.93	63	89	ene	2 c
Swatow	6a	29.93	63	94	ene	1 c
Taihou	6a	29.97	64	92	e	0
Taihou	6a	29.94	64		0 b	
Taihou	6a	29.92	64		0 b	
Koahun	6a	29.93	66		0 b	
P'lores	6a	30.05	68		n	1 c
Canton	6a	29.92	66	100	e	4 o
Yokohama	6a	29.90	68	95	e	2 of
Yokohama	6a	29.87	68		e	3 c
Yokohama	6a	29.87	68	100	nsw	1 of
Yokohama	6a	29.82	72	100	ase	6 of
Tourane	6a	29.82	73		saw	4 o
O. S. J.	6a	29.87	77		ene	2 o
Aparr	6a	29.88	73	69	0 b	
Dagupan	6a	29.86	73	91	ene	2 b
Manila	6a	29.89	75	94	0 b	
Legaspi	6a	29.89	77	89	0 b	
Indaban	6a	29.89	77	94	0 o	
Hollo	6a	29.87	81	92	n	2 b
Satago	6a	29.83	75	96	saw	1 o
Launa	6a	29.83	75	96	saw	1 o

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Hongkong Observatory, April 1.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, o detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

6 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
at 5 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 5 p.m.	at 6 a.m.
Barometer	29.82	29.81	29.82
Temperature	79	76	80
Humidity	82	88	76
Wind Direction	SW	WSW	WSW
Force	2	2	3
Weather	o	oq	c
Rain			
Highest open air temperature on the lowest			74

H.K. Observatory, 4th April.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

5th Apr. to 11th Apr. 1915.

Day	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Time	Time	Time	Time	Time
Mon.	5.10	11.10	5.10	11.10
Tue.	5.10	11.10	5.10	11.10
Wed.	5.10	11.10	5.10	11.10
Thur.	5.10	11.10	5.10	11.10
Fri.	5.10	11.10	5.10	11.10
Sat.	5.10	11.10	5.10	11.10
Sun.	5.10	11.10	5.10	11.10

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